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Smart Grid Interoperability Panel

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

New Year's Greetings, SGIP Colleagues

About this time last year I began reviewing our Charter in earnest, wondering what an SGIP Plenary Chair does ... or should do. Messages arrived to stand-up an architecture committee and a testing and certification committee as soon as possible. We needed elections for Plenary Vice-Chair and Secretary, dates for plenary meetings, and operational processes put in place. Our mission was clear, but the underpinnings for an effective and efficient organization were not so apparent. Establishing a working relationship based on trust with the Governing Board, NIST, and the Administrator needed to be placed as a cornerstone in our foundation. As I look back on my conversations with George Arnold, John McDonald, Paul Boynton, Erich Gunther, Stuart McCafferty, and the team, I can say that the hearts and minds of each of them was on the success of this new-found organization to deliver on its mission to advance standards for an interoperable Smart Grid.

To my great satisfaction, the transcendent nature of the SGIP as a nexus of people from the great variety of organizations with a stake in the electric system focused on this mission is being realized. While we each bring our perspectives to the table, the shared goals for a smarter, more flexible system that addresses national and global demands are allowing us to raise the debate above less relevant, narrow concerns. We now have progressed several PAPs through the process of developing new standards and guides to fulfill many near term needs. You also chose leaders for Plenary Vice-Chair and Secretary (Mark Klerer and Paul Molitor) who, while we had never worked with each other in the past, quickly joined me and the Administrator to tackle the operational issues as a team. While we certainly debate issues, we share a common dedication to ensuring the success of our mission. They have made delegation of assignments a dream. I rest easy knowing that Mark will continue his service in 2011, while lamenting that Paul must soon be replaced by a new Secretary. From day one, Paul has been a can do team member, contributing far more than traditional secretarial duties. In thinking of this change, I console myself that you will again chose someone who will also rise to the needs of the organization.

A year ago, I told myself that the first three months would be the most demanding, then things would ease up. So much for my prophetic abilities. Our growth and the opportunities for coordination internally, nationally, and internationally require increased attention. In the coming year, our engagement with the federal and state agencies will be critical to solidifying the interoperability message and seeing that gains in standards adoption become realized. Establishing good ties with smart grid interoperability efforts in Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world is necessary if our efforts are to remain relevant and influential in future years. The urgency to deliver results through standards development organizations requires continual diligence through focused participation from each of you.

In many ways, our challenges are no different than they were last year - only now we have amassed an organization with roles and responsibilities to deliver results. Thank you for your contributions to the progress we made in 2010. Here's to creating an even more memorable 2011!

Steve Widergren,
SGIP Plenary Chair

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Upcoming Event: Jan. 13th at 1pm Eastern, Governing Board Meeting

The SGIP Governing Board will be holding their first meeting of the year on Jan. 13th from 1pm to 4pm Eastern.

Planned Agenda items include:

- Announcement of 2011 GB Officers
- NIST Update from George Arnold
- Status from SGIP Plenary Chair
- International Activities Report
- IPRWG update
- PMO PAP Update
- Governing Board Roadmap

Attendance is NOT required for SGIP Participating Members.

To attend remotely, register here: https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/759070459

Upcoming Event: Jan. 21st at 1pm Eastern, SGIP Plenary Meeting

Find out what is in store for the SGIP in 2011! The SGIP Plenary Chair will be conducting the first meeting of the year on Jan. 21st from 1pm to 3pm Eastern.

Attendance is REQUIRED for SGIP Participating Member Organizations to remain in good standing.

To attend remotely, register here: https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/386377858

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Provide Your Perspective on Standards Activities to NIST: Respond by Feb. 7th

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), on behalf of the National Science and Technology Council's Sub-Committee on Standards, invites interested parties to provide their perspectives on the effectiveness of Federal agencies' participation in the development and implementation of standards and conformity assessment activities and programs. This information will help the Sub-Committee on Standards develop case studies that Federal agencies can consider in their future engagement in standards development and conformity assessment, particularly for multi-disciplinary technologies, or for technologies involving engagement from multiple Federal agencies.

The objective of this request is to inform the development of case studies that will examine the effectiveness of Federal agencies' participation in standards-setting efforts led by the private sector. These case studies may inform decisions about Federal agencies' engagement in standardization for technologies with similar characteristics.

The Sub-Committee on Standards is specifically interested in comments that address the questions below as they relate to the following technologies:

1. Smart Grid.
2. Health Information Technology.
3. Cyber Security.
4. Emergency Communications Interoperability.
5. Radioactivity Detectors and Radiation Monitors (ANSI N42.3x and N42.4x).
6. Other technologies involving significant Federal agency participation in standards setting.

The deadline for commenting is 11:59pm Eastern on February 7, 2011.

To learn more or provide your comments, visit here: http://www.federalregister.gov

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